



*"little by little from beginning to end"*  
*"poco a poco desde el principio hasta el fin"*

# Quarterly

## Newsletter

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## Upcoming Programs

### PROGRAMS HELD AT

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Main Library, lower level  
 501 Copper NW, Corner of 5th and Copper

**Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 10:30 am to Noon**

**Title:** *I did my DNA—Now What?*

**Speaker:** John Farris, AGS Member and Genealogist

**Description of Program:** Many of us who have had our DNA tested are wondering what the results mean and how they can help in our research. How can we improve our chances of connecting with others who share the same DNA? How can DNA results from different testing companies be compared? What can you learn from your deep roots? Can the ethnicity percentages be trusted? Why are there differences between results from several companies? Our resident DNA expert, John Farris, will show examples of results from each type of DNA testing, and tell us what we can learn and do with these results.

**From Genealogy Bank by Mary Harrell-Sesniak**

Your children may not thank you, but if you preserve the family genealogy your great great-great-great descendants will remember you as super-great!

Genealogists don't become forgetful, they just lose their census.

**Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 10:30 am to Noon**

**Title:** *Research in Pennsylvania*

**Speaker:** Victoria Sullivan and Lynda Katonak, AGS members

**Description of Program:** Many early European immigrants to colonial America arrived in the port of Philadelphia and began their American experience there. What records did they leave behind? Where are the best repositories of Pennsylvania records? Where did later-generation Pennsylvanians go from there? Victoria and Lynda have done much Pennsylvania research and will give us some suggestions for finding our people who were there.

**Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 10:30 am to Noon**

**Title:** *Seven Things to Know about Publishing Your Family History*

**Speaker:** Mike Blackledge, AGS member

**Description of Program:** There is an old saying: "No job is complete until the paperwork is done." We genealogists enjoy doing research and collecting records of past generations, yet only about half of us have published our findings. Mike has been instrumental in compiling, editing, and publishing two books and a CD on his family history, and has a third book underway. He has learned at least seven tricks/techniques that can help all of us. This talk will both inspire and motivate you—or he will refund your investment.

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## CALENDAR

**May 10: Wednesday 10:30 am—Noon**Regular Meeting: *I did my DNA—Now What?*

Main Library, lower level Community Room

**1:15 pm** Board meeting

Main Library, 1st floor conference room

**May 30: Tuesday 10:30 am—3:30 pm**

Research Day

Main Library, 2nd floor Genealogy Center

**June 14: Wednesday 10:30 am—Noon**Regular Meeting: *Research in Pennsylvania*

Main Library, lower level Community Room

**1:15 pm** Board meeting

Main Library, 1st floor conference room

**June 27: Tuesday 10:30 am—3:30 pm**

Research Day

Main Library, 2nd floor Genealogy Center

**July 12: Wednesday 10:30 am—Noon**Regular Meeting: *Seven Things to Know about Publishing Your Family History*

Main Library, lower level Community Room

**1:15 pm** Board meeting

Main Library, 1st floor conference room

**July 25: Tuesday 10:30 am—3:30 pm**

Research Day

Main Library, 2nd floor Genealogy Center

**2016 AGS Executive Board**

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**Memorial Day  
May 29, 2017****Freedom is not free.****AGS Website**

AGS maintains a website with information about  
the society, lists of AGS publications, a calendar, the latest updates, schedules, and much  
more. Our web address is:

**[www.abqgen.org](http://www.abqgen.org)**

## GENEALOGY GENIUS

by Penn Woods

Yes, I'll be the first to admit it. We have a genius in the family. I know it's true because my brother, himself, told me so. Several times.

Our brother (older than the younger brother) earns his claim to fame by living in faded, dusty pages where he thrives among strange punctuation marks and rigid reporting rules. All of this demands steady nerves and several pairs of glasses.

Genealogy is a tricky business that involves painstaking historical research, strict, accurate recording, and annual meetings with other genealogy experts. He steadfastly traces our family tree, its extending branches and deep, gritty roots, and keeps the family informed of our unique, oblique ancestors. We're excited to learn of the generations of impressive and educated people he's discovered in our family line, and what great pillars of society make up our star-studded past. It will soon be clear from where we, who are living today, received our myriad talents, good looks, and enviable physiques.

Every few years, our Genealogy Genius announces new material on his family website and mails out large volumes of our historical (and hysterical) family history.

Along with these treasures infiltrates occasional family trash. "Into every genealogy, a little rain must fall," our brother warns us. We gasp to read that our mother's brother was found in the gutter dead from drink or that great granddad lost multitudes of brain cells in later years.

So we brace ourselves for each upcoming volume of family lore. We hold our collective breath and hope that his latest dig won't reveal anything worse than last time. When the new volume appears, it reads more dramatically than a soap opera, more traumatically than an emergency room, and more radically than we dreamed.

What we assumed was the Perfect Family has made a distinct detour: Alcoholic grandpas, crazy grandmas, stuttering uncles, runaway aunts, and fat-nose cousins flood the pages of our family history.

In despair, the family meets at a reunion over the summer. We discuss the genealogy research, its pro-

gress, its past repercussions, and its future possibili-

ties. "We want you to find the kings in our family tree," we plead. "No more outlaws, saloon shooters, or babies born with six toes on each foot."

Our brother looks shocked. "That's the way it goes," he explains. "There are black sheep in every family."

"Agreed," we say, "but you've turned up a whole flock of black sheep. You can do bet-

ter than that. We can't take any more! Give us some people we can brag about. We want kings and presidents, queens and whiz kids. At least make it *look* like we're a Perfect Family."

Our genius sibling looks bewildered. He winces, crinkles his brow and wipes away sweat drops.

"I don't know, . . ." he hesitates.

We pat him on the back, ruffle his hair, tweak his fat nose and depart the reunion with high hopes in anticipation of his next genealogy volume. We know he can improve. After all, he's our self-proclaimed family genius.

No pressure.

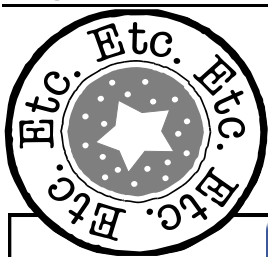


*The author lives in Los Alamitos, CA and claims that her brother is a member of Albuquerque Genealogical Society.*

*I discovered. . .*

this web site with some very promising results when I searched for one of my relatives: *gengophers.com*.

*Submitted by Stuart Murray, AGS member*

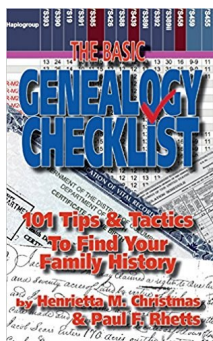


AGS now has a **Facebook** page! Check it out: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/abqgensociety/>. People with Facebook accounts must present a request to join if they want to post something to the AGS Group. Use the following Email address: [abqgensociety@groups.facebook.com](mailto:abqgensociety@groups.facebook.com). Emails sent to this address are monitored by AGS administrators to ensure that posts always meet our goals.

### NEW BOOK OUT

#### *The Basic Genealogy Checklist*

By our very own Henrietta Martinez Christmas and Paul F. Rhett.



This handy little book won best non-fiction New Mexico Press Women Communications Contest. It is brimming with great ideas for newcomers, timely reminders for long-time genealogists, illustrations, and extremely useful nuggets of information sprinkled throughout. It can be purchased locally at Treasure House Books in Old Town, or at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

### Beginners Genealogy Classes

AGS and the Library Genealogy Center are sponsoring a series of **FREE** genealogy workshops for beginners. These workshops for adults will be held at:

**Main Library Genealogy Center, 2nd Floor**  
Saturday mornings from 10:30 am to noon.

- June 3: Where and how to begin. How to fill out pedigree charts and family group sheets and why you use them.
- June 10: Censuses, how to find and use them.
- June 17: How to search online and evaluate what you find.
- June 24: Software can help your search and keep track of what you find.

Contact Victoria Sullivan: [vsullivan@comcast.net](mailto:vsullivan@comcast.net) or 797-9132.

## NEWS and NOTES

### Announcements

### Library News

At the Genealogy Center in the main library downtown you can now use the new **KIC Click Mini** scanner for **FREE**. All you need is a flash drive to save your scans. Read all about it in "Computer Corner" in this issue, page 14.

All **NewspaperARCHIVES** papers are now available for free with your library card at the Genealogy Center. Previously, you could only search New Mexico papers, but now you can search all US and international papers—over 7,500 newspapers from 22 countries. Access *NewspaperARCHIVE.com* through the library's website at <http://abqlibrary.org>. If you are using it from outside the library, you will be asked for your library card number and PIN. You can create your personal free account within the library's version of NewspaperARCHIVE, and that will allow you to save images and search strategies in a free online folder. NewspaperARCHIVE is searchable, including classifieds, advertisements, and all the juicy tidbits that will bring your ancestors to life.

Lisa Kindrick, Genealogy Center Librarian

### MAIN LIBRARY

#### Genealogy Center - 2nd Floor

501 Copper NW, Albuquerque, NM  
Phone: 768-5131

Sunday

Closed

Tuesday - Wednesday

10:00am - 7:00pm

Monday, Thursday - Saturday

10:00am - 6:00pm

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day

### AGS Membership Directory

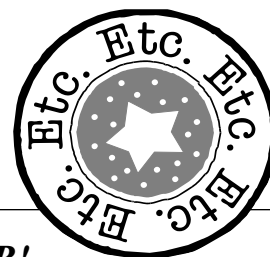
#### Available Now

The 2017 AGS Membership Directory is available at upcoming meetings and Research Days for a cost of \$2. Contact Lark Robart for a free electronic version: [lrobert@comcast.net](mailto:lrobert@comcast.net).



## NEWS and NOTES

### Announcements



#### ATTENTION!

The AGS Executive Board is examining the possibility of **expanding the family history Research Day @ Main**. This would be in addition to Research Day @ Main presently scheduled on the last Tuesday of the month, 10:30 to 3:30. Expanding will require adding another team of research-assistance volunteers in the Genealogy Center in a different time slot during the month. Possibilities might include a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon from 3 - 7 pm or Saturday from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm once a month. If you have an interest in volunteering as a research assistant or you have other ideas on how AGS can better serve potential researchers who work weekdays and are unable to come to the existing Research Day, please contact Lynda Katonak, [LLKatonak@swcp.com](mailto:LLKatonak@swcp.com).

#### NOTE

The AGS Executive Board voted to consider for purchase AGS member published family histories for inclusion in the Albuquerque Library Genealogy Center collection. Our July program concerns getting your life-time research organized and published. Be sure to attend as it will be most informative on this topic.

#### SPECIAL AGS SEMINAR!

*"A Day with the Celts"*  
Featuring Dr. Maya Magee Sutton  
and John A. Farris

**September 23, 2017, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm**  
Albuquerque Main Library Auditorium - Lower Level  
501 Copper Avenue NW, Albuquerque, NM

Put it on your calendar. Look for further details and Pre-registration form in the next issue of the *Quarterly*, find it on the website, or contact Luanne Chowning, [krkyrose@hotmail.com](mailto:krkyrose@hotmail.com), 453-0138.

### AGS Research Days!

**Genealogy Center - 2nd Floor Main Library**  
501 Copper NW—Corner of 5th & Copper

**Last Tuesdays: May 30, June 27, July 25**  
**10:30 am - 3:30 pm**

We hope you can make it!  
**Meet us at the Library!**

AGS Research Days Coordinators:

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Library Genealogy Desk: 768-5131

Volunteers welcome!



#### Military Research Days

1st Tuesdays: May 2 and June 6  
**No Military Research Day in July**  
Genealogy Center  
2nd floor, Main Library  
10:30 am - 2:30 pm

If you are trying to find your ancestors who served in the military, or if you would like to help or share your military research, please join us.

#### AGS Military Research Group

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Parking at the multi-story garage caddy-cornered southeast of the library is free for two hours. Validate your parking stub at the library 1st floor circulation desk near the entrance. All day parking for \$2.25 is available at *Park It Place* caddy-cornered southwest of the library. Street meters are \$1.00 per hour or free for qualifying hybrid cars and in designated areas for

cars displaying the appropriate disability placard. To learn more, search "Parking" at [www.cabq.gov](http://www.cabq.gov).

## GENEALOGY ESTATE PLANNING

By Rosemary McNerney Winkler

Inspired by Karen Jones' February 2017 AGS Presentation

All of us must face the fact that we will not live forever. In light of this information, what are we to do with all the accumulated information, documents, photographs, and even artifacts and mementos we have sitting in our offices, closets, and on our shelves? It represents a years-long labor of love and a serious investment in time and money. How does one eat an elephant? One bite at a time!

AGS member and former professional organizer Karen Jones has developed a three-step plan for our genealogical estates. She believes we need to think of our genealogical estate by family groups first rather than by formats. She suggests using our four grandparents as the basis for four family groups because it brings the project down to a manageable size that is not overwhelming.

Karen suggests that the first step is to make a brainstorming worksheet with four columns for lists. In column 1, list those four grandparents. In column 2, list all the formats of the records you have. They come as a computer database, documents, photographs, published genealogies, or online genealogies. Material may be in file folders, on tapes, DVDs or CDs. You might have scrapbooks, three-ring binders, and file boxes.

In column 3 of the worksheet, list the locations of all the genealogical material you have. Where would an heir find all these great items? They might be in your home office on bookshelves or in file cabinets, in the closet, in drawers. Many can be found on your computer. How about on living-room shelves or in the garage or a storage unit? In the 4th column list all the potential beneficiaries of your work. Finding possible designees is a critical factor. It could be a child, grandchild, niece or nephew—ask around among your relatives. If no luck there, consider a public repository such as a genealogical library or historical society in the “home county.”

When your brainstorming is done, it's time to make your four master indexes, one grandparent's family per page, with four columns each, labeled Description, Location, Designee, and Instructions. In the

first column, identify each item individually, tell its location and to whom it should go. Write any further instructions in the last column.

Consideration of heirlooms is important. Perhaps you have a cut-glass or depression-glass piece that belonged to your aunt or grandmother in the dining room china cabinet. Or you might have your great grandmother's oak rocking chair. Are quilts, crocheted tablecloths, bed spreads, or embroidered pillow cases stashed away in an old cedar chest? Don't forget military items such as medals, hats, letters home. How about baseball memorabilia? If you have a lot of heirlooms, you may want to make a separate index for them.



The final step in planning for your genealogical estate is to write a genealogical will. Ideally, a child who is not your financial trustee should be your

genealogical trustee. Otherwise, look to your extended family. This “will” can be written as a congenial letter, giving purpose and expressing appreciation, as well as providing guidance for the distribution of your “assets.” In the will, provide user names and passwords to your online accounts and subscriptions. DNA results will remain available and useful to future generations only if they have access to the accounts. The will and the index pages work together and should be kept together.

We will sleep better knowing that we have a plan in place. And there is likely another benefit that may surprise us. By taking these steps toward the future, it will be easier to see what can and should be done now.

See the AGS website, [abqgen.org](http://abqgen.org), Upcoming Events, Gems from Previous Monthly Programs, for Karen's worksheets and sample will.

## More from the Third Annual Writing Contest

Below is the second-place winner from the 2016 contest with the theme “Tell about your genealogical research or family lore/stories.” Thank you again to our judges, Rudolfo Anaya, Donna Fastle, and Jim Belshaw, and to everyone who participated—if you did not win, don’t give up! Enter again this year. In upcoming *Quarterlys* we will include the third-place tie winners.

### NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

By Barbara Dodson

Surprise! With all the media attention today regarding our illegal immigrants and the problems related to that issue, it might surprise you that this problem is not peculiar to the one we face today. I have been working on my ancestors for nearly 25 years, mostly on a “hit and miss” schedule with many interruptions taking me away from focusing on completing research on any one ancestor for more than just a few generations. Now I recently found that I had gotten to the point in my research where I was ready to begin looking at my immigrant ancestors.

As I began looking at ships’ lists of those vessels that brought immigrants to the New World, I discovered a very interesting comment. I discovered that back in the 1700s and 1800s, any immigrant who wished to leave their home country *had to get permission to leave*. I wonder how many of our immigrants today have asked permission from their home country to come to America?

Let’s look at some interesting facts and I want to draw your attention to a book: *A Collection of Upwards of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French, and other Immigrants in Pennsylvania From 1727 to 1776* by Prof. I. Daniel Rupp. (A copy is available in the Genealogy Center of the Main Library in Albuquerque, New Mexico.) It seems that due to the large influx of immigrants into Pennsylvania of German, Swiss, and others, that public attention grew and people in power began to get concerned that all the good lands would be snatched up. On page 9, I read Governor Keith of Pennsylvania (and I quote)

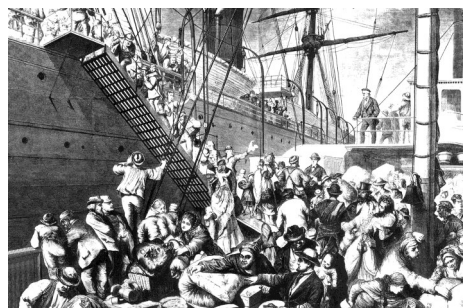
“observed to the board - the Governor’s Council -- that great numbers of foreigners from Germany, strangers to our language and constitution, having lately been imported into this Province, daily dispersed themselves immediately after landing, without producing certificates *from whence they came or what they are*, and, as they seemed to have first landed in Britain, and afterwards to have left without any license from government, or as far as they know, so, in the same manner, they behaved here, without making the

least application to him or any of the magistrates. That, as this practice might be of very dangerous consequence, since, by the same method, any number of foreigners, from any nation whatever, enemies as well as friends, might throw themselves upon us.”



That was in 1717. Does it have a familiar ring in today’s news? Back then, the Europeans, German and Swiss were perceived to be the problem, and today the problem is described as Mexicans, those from South America, Syria, and others. Back then, the Mennonites, Quakers, and other religions were seen as immigration” problems then, today the Muslim religion is viewed as the issue. Not only did the immigrants come with “only what they could carry,” today the immigrants enter our shores or cross our borders with only what they can carry in many cases.

Have we moved very far forward in our fears? What is next? Government officials had to deal with the great influx of people into their territories then, and today we have to deal with the problems that the huge number of “illegal” immigrants entering our neighborhoods - without any documentation or approval from their former countries, and without approval from the United States. I do not offer a remedy in this article, only to inform you that this “illegal” immigration problem isn’t new. It has existed for over 300 years!



Germans emigrate —1874



# Early Albuquerque Series

Installment XVI

## Early Italian Pioneers to Albuquerque: The Franchini Family

By Lynne Franchini Peckinpaugh  
Anecdotes by Frank & Jeanette Franchini  
Devoti, John Franchini and Tom Franchini

The story of the Franchini family coming to Albuquerque is one of courage, sacrifice and hard work. In the 1800s, Italy was in turmoil due in part to an economic depression, lack of employment, the threat of a forced military draft and difficult living conditions. While many of the Italian immigrants coming to America were from the southern part of the country, it was unique to Albuquerque that many of the early immigrants came from the north, particularly the area around the Tuscan town of Lucca between Florence and Pisa. In the small village of Torrichio, news had spread of opportunities in a foreign land called Albuquerque, New Mexico. The railroad had come to Albuquerque providing jobs and a man from Pescia, near Lucca, had started a business there.

At the age of 19, Ettore Franchini, born in Torrichio, Italy in 1880, wanted to seize this new opportunity and boarded the Kaiser Wilhelm II ship out of Genoa. After traveling 18 days in steerage class, the lowest level of the ship where people were crammed in almost like cattle, he arrived at Ellis Island with hope and a few dollars. He could not speak English and kind officials gave him a basket of food and put him on a train to Albuquerque. He arrived in Albuquerque on May 4, 1899, and knowing the name of Oreste Bachechi from Lucca, he approached the first policeman he saw and said "Bachechi?" The policeman pointed to an office across the street from the railroad station. Oreste Bachechi became known as the "Father of the Albuquerque Italian Community" because he sponsored so many of the immigrants from the Lucca area. Ettore started working at the railroad shops as an engine wiper and worked his way up to a machinist. He also worked as a driver and porter for Oreste Bachechi and Girolamo Giomi who owned a wholesale liquor business and the Paradise Saloon. By 1903, Ettore had saved enough money to go back to Italy to find a wife, and married Primia Bartolini on

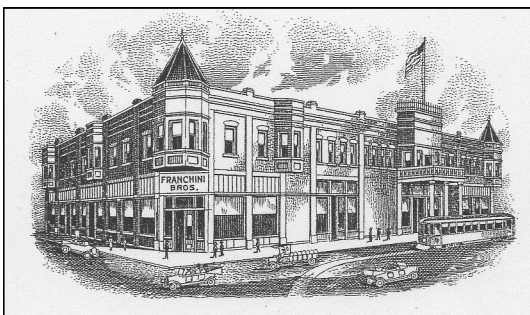
November 20, 1903. He also began planning to bring some of his siblings to Albuquerque.

Next to arrive was Ovidio, born in Torrichio in 1888, and at the age of 17 with \$10, he boarded the



Ovidio and Ettore Franchini circa 1910  
Photo from Center for Southwest Research, UNM Library

ship La Touraine in Havre, France arriving in Ellis Island on June 4, 1905. In Albuquerque, he also worked at the Santa Fe shops and in 1910 formed the O. Franchini Company. He married Argia Benedetti in 1912 in Albuquerque. In 1916 he and his brother Ettore formed Franchini Bros., importing specialty Italian and Greek foods, rare spices, olive oil and fancy liquors. People from areas surrounding Albuquerque came into town in their wagons to buy groceries and other supplies, and camp behind the store on First and Tijeras. Stories have been told of seeing their campfires glowing at night.



1st Franchini Bros. store in Albuquerque  
300-302 North First Street  
Drawing courtesy of the Franchini family

In November of 1905, the first sister, Fine, born in 1887, arrived in Ellis Island and travelled to join her brothers. It was told that as each sister arrived in Albuquerque, Ettore took



them to the Savoy Hotel at First St. and Silver SW, built in 1905 by Oreste Bachechi, where they could live and work as maids. Fine married Siro Chiordi, also from the same village in Italy, in a double wedding with her brother Ovidio and his bride, Argia in 1912. A beautiful photograph of their wedding was taken with everyone standing in front of the Bachechi apartments on North 2<sup>nd</sup> street where many of the Italian families lived until they were able to buy homes of their own. The Chiordis ran the Italian Macaroni Factory and Sanitary Bakery on South Second Street.

Fanny, born in 1892, arrived at Ellis Island on August 7, 1909. Once in Albuquerque, she also worked and lived at the Savoy Hotel. Married to Guido Del Frate in 1926 in Albuquerque, they ran the Palm's Grocery Store. Fanny was, according to her daughter, Enrichetta Berger, a successful businesswoman. Arriving in New York in 1912 was another sister, Lina, born in 1893. After living in Albuquerque for a while, she returned to Italy and married Marinello Cinelli in 1923. They returned to Albuquerque, and for several years ran the Santa Fe Grocery on Third Street SW. The last sister to arrive was Ottavina Franchini Cosimati, born in 1890, arriving in Albuquerque in 1927. She married Guido Cosimati in Italy in 1913 and remained there with her husband and two sons, Osvaldo and Lino, to help a younger sister care for their parents. It was a tradition in the small village of Molin Nuovo that the youngest daughter remained in Italy to care for their elderly parents, and many residents of this village eventually came to Albuquerque following this tradition and formed a tight knit Italian community. The youngest daughter, Franceschina Franchini Vigna, born in 1904, never came to America, although her son, Sergio, came to Albuquerque in the 1950s and her daughter, Franca, remained in Italy to care for her.

The Franchini's second generation was born in Albuquerque. Their children are: Ettore's-Mario, Rina, Amy, Wanda, Henry, George (John), and Norine; Ovidio's-Frank, Oreste (Rusty), Remo and Jeanette; Fine's-Tito and John; Lina's-Charlie and Gene; Fanny's-Guido, Jr, Angelo and Enrichetta (Ketta).

There were many accomplishments from this first generation Franchini family. Franchini Bros. Grocery Store and Delicatessen was the longest running family owned grocery store in Albuquerque. Established in 1910, opened in 1916 on First Street and Tijeras, and moved to Lomas Blvd. NE in 1964 remaining open

until 1980. In 1958, Ettore and his sons sold their interest in Franchini Bros. Grocery to Ovidio and his



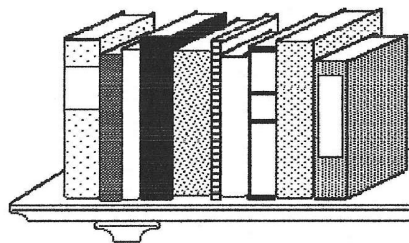
Franchini Bros. Store at 302-304 North First Street circa 1940  
Photo courtesy of the Franchini family

sons, Frank and Rusty, to concentrate on the Franchini Travel Agency serving as a steamship ticket agent. Ettore and Ovidio were active members and held several offices in the Colombo Society, which provided mutual assistance and protection to members of the Italian community in Albuquerque, and invested in land including Martineztown, the area south of the present UNM football stadium, and their homes on N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Many of the Italian families from Lucca lived on N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. creating a close community. In 1929, Ettore was Knighted by the King of Italy for organizing several men from this Italian community to aid in the recovery of the Italian pontoon plane, the Santa Maria, where it sunk in 1927 in Roosevelt Lake, Arizona following a brief stop at Elephant Butte Lake, New Mexico. The propeller from this plane and plaques explaining this story are on display in the "Cavalcade of Wings" at the Albuquerque International Airport. Ettore also served as the Italian Consulate for the State of New Mexico, and for 24 years on the State's Parole board.

The second generation of Franchinis continued in many of the family businesses, most of which dealt with the food industry, carrying on a tradition begun by their grandfather, Giovanni Franchini, in a small village in Italy providing and serving food from a tiny shop in their home.

Ovidio died in 1959 and Ettore in 1968.

The dates and stories in this article were the best that I could ascertain, because all but one of the people named have passed on. After researching and listening to family stories, my heart has filled with pride.

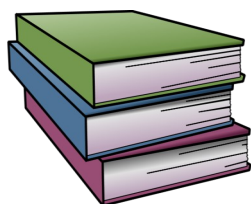


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#### GENEALOGICAL SEARCHERS.

#### They Spend Hours in the Libraries Tracing the Family Tree.

The attendance in the public libraries are kept busy these days by a horde of callers who have suddenly developed a mania for genealogical research. In fact, says the New York Herald, it seems to have become a fad to trace the family tree. The cause of it is not really explainable. It is possible, however, that circulars calling for heirs to large fortunes, scattered broadcast by many lawyers throughout the country, may be responsible for this fad.

The seekers look carefully through the old books,

records and histories, and every little clew found therein in coveted with avidity. There have been rare cases where some startling and important clew has been found, but they are few and far between.

One of the library attendants told me that many of the genealogical callers were young men, who think a good family tree may help them along in the world, as he expressed it. However that may be, the fad, if it is really a fad, is by no means flippant, as it opens the avenue to much interesting and useful information, and instructs the searcher, even if his own wish for family information is not gratified.

Found at **NewspaperARCHIVES** through the Albuquerque Library Genealogy Center with a library card. See how to use this great resource on page 4 under **Library News**.

#### I discovered. . . .

*MooseRoots.com*, a superfast free search site for genealogy records. Sign up with your email and a password and it starts you with the 1940 Census, but once you click on someone found there, it provides links to other related census information. Powered by *Graphiq.com*, a 2010 launched semantic technology company that uses artificial intelligence to rapidly create interactive data-driven infographics. *Graphiq* operates some 20 sites besides *MooseRoots*, everything from *HomeOwl.com* (home appliances; e.g., try comparing coffee makers) to *Pikasaaur.com* (data on catching Pokemon monsters). Enter a name in *MooseRoots* and see how fast it responds.

Submitted by Mike Blackledge, AGS Member

#### I discovered. . . .

the new and improved Find A Grave website is now available for Beta (test) use. It can be found at [www.gravestage.com](http://www.gravestage.com) and a password will be provided when you get there. Since this is a test version, you can search the database but you can't logon to your account or make changes. I discovered I was very pleased with the new look, which is an outgrowth of Ancestry.com purchasing the site in 2013. The code changes were to make the site more usable for mobile devices and to internationalize it, but the new look brings in all related family members in one page look, the first real re-design since the site was created by Jim Tipton in 1995 – try it out!

Suggested by AGS member Stuart Murray

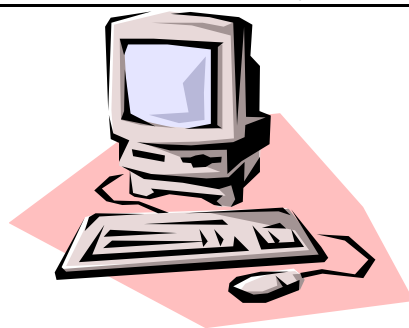


# COMPUTER

## CORNER

### FREE SOFTWARE!

by Mike@Blackledge.com



*Question: Is a computer just hardware? Or is it an integrated marriage of hardware and software? And what is more important, hardware or software? Answer: Who cares?! As a practicing genealogist, most likely you value your computer for what it does for you, how efficiently it does it, and not so much as to what happens behind the curtain. This Computer Corner column examines one important aspect of the age-old question that we really do care about: So how do I get free stuff?*

Let's start at the beginning: When you buy a new computer, it's 'empty,' right? Well, not usually. You can



expect it to come with an operating system (usually the latest), a copy of Adobe Reader, and that ubiquitous anti-virus software. All that comes 'free,' yes?

The fact is, a new Windows PC usually comes pre-installed with a lot of 'free' software you don't need, will most likely never need, and thus you really don't want. You may still have some of that on your current PC and should probably uninstall it. *Computer Corner* looked at this problem before [*Quarterly*, Vol 40, Issue 3, "My Computer is Slow"]. That was in Nov 2015 and today I'd suggest the PCMag article: "How to Clean Crapware From a New PC" by Eric Griffith, Feb 10, 2017. See Sources. To be fair, we need to realize that manufacturers install this "bloatware" on new PCs because they are paid to do so. PC profit margins are low, so pre-installing junk gives PC manufacturers a bit of extra money—and thus keeps the cost of your PC below what it otherwise might be. Whenever I write about the negative aspects of the PC world, I can hear **Lynda Katonak** chuckling over

my shoulder, "That's why I transitioned from the PC to the Mac!" I know, I know ... *sigh*.

Here is a premise for this article that I am going to throw on the table now, and see if you can dispute it.

**Hypothesis:** "As the average George Genealogist from Albuquerque, NM, every type of software package I need, I can obtain for free."

Wait a minute, you might argue, what about the Operating System that makes the entire computer work? I can't get that for free, can I? Well, actually, there is

**Linux**—a computer operating system that was originally developed for personal computers and has since been ported to more platforms than any other operating system. Linux has been around since the 1990s and was assembled under the model of free and open-source software development and distribution, which we'll hear more about later. If you purchased a **Chromebook** for your laptop needs, then you are running Chrome OS, which Google built on the Linux kernel—thus you are basically running Linux. And Linux even has its own mascot, Tux the Penguin, which is more than you can say for Microsoft.

I'm not advocating that you go Linux, I only want to make you aware that it is available to you for free at Linux.com and it is already in all our lives (in cars, in smart thermostats, in robots, TiVo DVR, Galaxy Nexus.

What about the anti-virus software—they give you that free for three months, and then you *have* to pay for it, correct? Hey, we've talked about this subject before: One of the good "free" things that Microsoft has done is to provide you access to **Windows Defender**—see that Nov 2015 article. This package is already included in your PC and ready to go. However, if you have activated some pay-for virus protection, it has probably disabled Defender.

There are also good free anti-virus packages: my son recommends **Avast!** which he uses to protect all his home computers—he finds it very trustworthy. My grandson seconds the vote for Avast! but also suggests **Malwarebytes** as a companion to Avast!, as it can catch whatever Avast! may miss. Technically, Malwarebytes is

a virus detector, but you get the warning. There is some discussion as to whether you can run two anti-virus packages simultaneously—I would suggest not, if for no other reason than it should slow operations considerably. See Sources.

What about **Adobe Reader**? No problem, this reader for all PDF files usually comes with your computer, but you can always download the latest version (currently XI) for free. I'm not talking Adobe Acrobat



here, just the Adobe Reader.

What other software packages might genealogists use almost every day? Internet browser, internet search engines, email, Microsoft Office, scanner/OCR, and genealogy software such as Legacy or RootsMagic. Anything free in there? Let's take a look.

**Internet Browser:** Back in the 1990s when Netscape Navigator was the dominant browser, they charged five dollars per copy of their software. Microsoft broke Netscape's hold on first place by offering its browser for free, and all browsers have been free ever since. You can use anything you want—Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox—at no cost. But not Netscape Navigator—gone and buried.

**Internet Search Engine:** Google still dominates, partially because they are good and partly because they pay some of the browsers, like Firefox, to have Google as their default browser. But again, you can use Yahoo, Bing, even AOL or Lynda's favorite, DuckDuckGo—it's all free.

**Email:** Believe it or not, there are many people out there—perhaps a few in our own Society—who continue to pay AOL every month for their email 'service.'<sup>1</sup> Email is free, folks—this is another subject we have discussed at some length, as in [Quarterly, Vol 40, Issue 3, "Gmail for Genealogists"].

**Microsoft Office:** For me, personal computers first demonstrated that they were something more than a hobby when Lotus 1-2-3 came out—the "first" (after Visi-Calcul) spreadsheet package and arguably the first killer app—in Jan 1983. Each Spring, I would work for hours in Lotus 1-2-3 to create the tax forms for the current tax

year. I know, I know, I had more time than money back then. Then Lotus was purchased by IBM, and TurboTax and its low cost competitors made my yearly work not worth the time.

In Nov 1990, Microsoft introduced the first Office package which bundled Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Every few years, Microsoft would release a new version of Office—thus we had Office 3.0 (also called Office 92) containing Word 2.0, Excel 4.0, PowerPoint 3.0, and Mail 3.0. The release process continued with Office 4.0 (1993), Office 95 and 97, Office 2000, Office XP, etc. Then in 2013, Microsoft changed its sales policy. David Pogue described the new Office choices in 2013 which we excerpt as follows:

*For the last few versions, Microsoft has mostly shuffled around existing features. This year [2013], the biggest news isn't the software, but how you pay for it.*

**Way 1:** *buy the Office suite as you always have, for \$140 [one time] (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote) to \$400 (those programs plus Outlook, Access and Publisher).*

**Way 2:** *buy an annual subscription to these programs for \$100 a year. That plan is called Office 365. Microsoft argues that this subscription offers all kinds of benefits. First, you can download and run the Office programs on up to five computers, including Macs and PCs. You can change which five they are at any time. If your home or office has a bunch of computers, you could save money; buying five copies outright would set you back \$700. That's more economical only if you plan to use that increasingly ancient version for at least seven years.*

*With a subscription, you'll always get the latest version—Office 2015, Office 2031, Office 2119—but, of course, you have to pay \$100 a year forever. (If your subscription lapses, you can open or print your documents, but you can't edit them or create new ones.)*

*You might be appalled at the notion of paying Microsoft an annual fee forever to get something you used to own outright. Or you might like the idea of a fixed, knowable fee that keeps you up to date.*

When I worked for the military or for Sandia, and you taxpayers paid for it, I loved the idea of always having the latest Office software. Now that I'm retired with a wife, a genealogy habit, and two cabins in the woods

to support, I find myself in the appalled category. Is there a way to obtain these services without paying the big bucks? Absolutely! Here are a few possibilities:

**Older versions:** You probably really don't need the latest versions of any of the Office suite of products. All those older versions worked just fine, they just didn't have the bells and whistles that Microsoft kept adding each release. And perhaps they are no longer supported—but do you care? Take a look at eBay: today I see you can buy Microsoft Office Professional 2007 Full Version [Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, Publisher] on a disc for \$19, which includes shipping. Install on any operating system from XP to Windows 10. One price, you own it forever, with an install key that works on five PCs. Need more? Buy another one.

**Apache OpenOffice:** Apache Software Foundation is non-profit and believes software should not be sold, that even source code should be free and open to the public. Their products are produced by a consensus-based collaborative development project. They tout their product Apache OpenOffice as “the leading open-source office software suite for word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, graphics databases and more. It works on all common computers [and has been around and used for years]<sup>ii</sup>. It stores all your data in an international open standard format and can also read and write files from other common office software packages. It can be downloaded and used completely free of charge for any purpose”. (If you want it mailed to you on a disc, that's about \$11.)

HOWEVER, I didn't realize the competition/backstory/squabbling between OpenOffice and **LibreOffice**—the reference [see Sources] makes it sound like you should definitely go with LibreOffice, which considers itself the spiritual successor to OpenOffice—see the Sources for PCWorld's explanation and comparison of these two free Office products. They both want you to choose them! Note that your resulting file extensions and formats will be ISO-based, not Microsoft file formats, but they can be easily converted and changed to a .doc file, etc.

**Google Docs:** Google Docs, Google Sheets and Google Slides are a word processor, a spreadsheet and a presentation program respectively, all part of a free, web-based software office suite offered by Google within its Google Drive service since 2006. Thus Google Docs offers similar features to Microsoft Office—on the cloud and for free. Teachers and schools have assigned their students projects to work entirely in Google Docs. The suite allows users to create and edit files online while collaborating with other users in real-time. All

files created with the apps are by default saved to Google Drive (i.e., in the Cloud). Recall Eastman's article on Cloud Computing [*Quarterly*, Vol 41, Issues 2 and 3]. Google Docs is a prime example.

**Scanner/OCR:** Many of us have printers that can serve as scanners. But **Lisa Kindrick**, our Genealogy



Center Librarian, tells us that the New Mexico Genealogical Society has donated a **KIC Click Mini Scanner** to the Genealogy Center, and the Charles Dibrell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution paid for the first year of maintenance. It can scan up to 30 pages per minute and the scanner bed can hold documents up to 12.25" x 19.2". The highest resolution available is 300 dpi. Located in the Genealogy Center Computer Lab, you can scan a document to a USB drive as a PDF, JPEG, PNG, Searchable PDF (can be opened in Adobe Reader), or Rich Text (can be opened with a word processing program). You can also save the document as a QR code and then use an app to open it on your handheld device. Editing options include the ability to crop, adjust brightness and contrast, adjust scanning resolution, and rotate. Just bring your flash drive and what you want to scan. And once again, it's FREE! Plus the staff is happy to show anyone how to get started.

Scanning into **Rich Text Format** (.rtf files) introduces another valuable piece of FREE software: OCR [Optical Character Recognition] software has become more accurate over the years with a niche specialty: converting a picture of words into computer readable text. This capability comes for free as but one of the scanning options with the KIC Click Mini Scanner.

**Genealogy Software:** Note that any of the several commercial genealogy software packages today provides a free trial, or a limited feature version, that you can download for free and use at no cost. You probably already have a genealogy program that you are quite happy with, most likely *Legacy* or *RootsMagic*. Even though your developer comes out with a new version,



don't feel compelled to buy the latest! What feature can you not live without?

Are you familiar with **Gramps**? No, not the old man with the tobacco stains on his tie, I mean the Dick Eastman publicized cloud computing product. Gramps is a somewhat forced acronym for Genealogical Research and Analysis Management Programming System; more importantly, it is a stable, free, and open-source genealogy software program. It has been around for 15 years. It is now completely cloud based, and its Users Manual is available on the Internet. See Sources below for a link to one of several Dick Eastman articles on Gramps.

**Rosemary** tell us she has used *Brother's Keeper* shareware since 1984 when she first got a DOS 1.0 PC. It is still great software for \$45 including the manual, or less w/o the manual, and you own it. Updates are once in a while and only \$19 for registered users. Answers to questions and/or problems are next day. It's perfect to select a report, save it as an .rtf file, open it in a word processor, generate an index, and publish! Find it at [www.bkwin.com](http://www.bkwin.com) where you can download a free trial version to try it out.

**Summary:** For your genealogy research, compilation, and publication, almost all software resources can be obtained for free—or almost free—if you are willing to forego the latest features or the brand names.

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#### STRANGERS IN THE BOX

Come; look with me inside this drawer,  
In this box I've often seen — at the pic-  
tures, black and white, faces proud, still,  
serene.

I wish I knew these people, these strangers  
in the box, their names and all of their memories are lost  
among my socks.

I wonder what their lives were like, how did they spend  
their days? What about their special times? I'll never know  
their ways.

If only someone had taken time to tell who, what, where, or  
when—these faces of my heritage would come to life  
again.

Could this become the fate of pictures we take today? The  
faces and the memories someday to be passed away?  
Make time to save your stories, seize the opportunity when  
it knocks, or someday you and yours could be the  
strangers in the box.

Author Unknown



#### I discovered. . . .

*The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing & Genetic Genealogy* by Blaine T. Bettinger. This book has the best explanation I have seen on using advanced DNA analysis techniques for finding new matches, such as chromosome mapping, third party tools, triangulation, etc. It even has a chapter on how adoptees can best use DNA. Our Genealogy Center has one copy of this book. Most of these new tools require atDNA results such as from the Family Tree DNA Family Finder test, so I encourage everyone to order it. They use the existing saliva sample from their freezer if you have already been tested by Family Tree DNA.

Submitted by John A. Farris, AGS Member

## The Seven Pillars of Genealogical Wisdom

By Deborah Kaska, Editor, *Ancestors West*, Spring 2017, Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society  
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*Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars.* Proverbs 9:1

My title echoes that of the iconic 1926 memoir by T.E. Lawrence, “The Seven Pillars of Wisdom,” which in turn was based on Proverbs 9:1. The seven pillars of wisdom that I have “hewn” from the past 50 years of genealogical research are the following: Document, Network, Write, Visualize, Timeline, DNA, and Volunteer.

The first pillar, **document**, is critical for the integrity of genealogical research. Information without documentation is suspect at best and worthless at worst. Documentation of your research allows you to evaluate and compare the accuracy of the data. A birth certificate signed by the parents and doctor is not infallible, but it carries far more weight than a listing of the parental names submitted by a son-in-law on a death certificate. Complete documentation also facilitates re-examination of the source. Countless hours are wasted trying to recall and then revisit your sources weeks, months or even years after they were first found.

The second pillar, **network**, is the fertilizer that will make your family tree grow, flower and bear much fruit! Networking is a technique with many facets. Some can be done at home in your slippers, other require that you to get up and go. At home, the wealth of the internet lies at your fingertips, which includes websites and webinars and just plain googling. Publications such as *Family Tree Magazine* offer information, tips and resources. Other places to network are genealogy conferences, Roots Tech, Genealogy Cruises and many other such meetings across the country. Some are specialized by country or region, record type, or era. Meetings permit face-to-face contact with experts and exhibitors, as well as the possibility to learn about the latest developments. Closer to home is your own genealogical society, which features an outstanding library, monthly speakers, classes, seminars, special interest groups—all networking opportunities.

The thrill of finding those missing documents

that break brick walls is the high point of family history research. But the treasures you have gathered will probably not survive if you do not present them to your family in a form they can appreciate. This means you need to **write**, and this is the third pillar. An easy starting point is your own autobiography. Be



sure to include not only the who, what, where, when and why, but also special moments (both good and bad) and milestones. Every genealogist wishes he or she had an autobiography of each of their ancestors, but these are rare. Will your family appreciate what you write? Perhaps not in your lifetime, which is a frustrating realization. Nevertheless, our only hope as family historians is that the records we gather will be available for the next generation or the one after that when a grandchild or great-grandchild picks up the torch.

The fourth pillar is **visualize** the past. This can take many forms such as photos of ancestors, their homes, churches, possessions, graves, maps of their land, and copies of their signature. Label these carefully, make digital copies and sprinkle them through your writing. An amazing number of daguerreotypes, tintypes and cabinet cards that are well over 100 years old survive. If protected from light, these images are as clear as the day they were made and are precious artifacts. I have always wondered why my an-

cestors would spend hard earned cash on photographs. However, while daguerreotypes were rather expensive, cabinet cards were relatively cheap so that multiple copies could be purchased to give to all the family.

Genealogy brings history to life! The fifth pillar is construct a **timeline**. This is another visual presentation of family history that places ancestors in their historical context. Careful examination of history can often provide an explanation for significant events such as immigration and/or migration. Timelines can include events on an international or national scale, i.e. the Irish potato famine, the American Civil War or the dust bowl, and also more local events, i.e. diphtheria epidemics, blizzards or floods. Tracing historic events helps us to envision the issues that our ancestors were concerned about.

Take advantage of the ultimate in genealogical evidence, **DNA**, the sixth pillar. DNA links you to past generations and does not lie. However, before you spit or swab, prepare yourself for the unexpected, educate yourself about the various tests and companies and then join the millions of people who have been tested. It is the gift that keeps on giving since your results continue to be compared with those of others as they submit samples. Years after you have been tested, new matches will appear. Listen carefully and you will hear the sound of your brick walls crumbling.

The seventh and final pillar of genealogical wisdom is **volunteer**. Help others and you will help yourself. There are so many ways to help right here in our own society, which thrives on volunteers. Document preservation needs people to scan and enter data, then do lookups for people who contact our society. The library needs librarians to greet patrons, help newcomers, and shelve books. Volunteers teach classes, organize meetings, seminars, order and classify books, write articles for our publication, serve on the Board of Directors, the list goes on and on. On a national level, volunteers indexed the 1940 census, the Freedman's Bureau Records, photograph and transcribe tombstones for *Findagrave.com* and *Billiongraves.com*, and post their family trees on *Ancestry.com*, *Familysearch.org* or other sites. Volunteers are the fabric of genealogy. They weave together researchers from all over the world into a community—a community where you are always welcome.

## AGS Member Survey

By Mike Blackledge

On April 2, 2017, a message with a link to a survey about writing and publishing family histories went out to AGS members. The results from the 66 respondents follows.

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Time in AGS: | Published anything: |
| 0-5 yrs 44%  | Yes 29%             |
| 5-10 yrs 18% | No 66%              |
| > 10 yrs 39% | Not sure 5%         |

Interest in a Special Interest Group (SIG) for writing/publishing:

|              |
|--------------|
| Yes 40%      |
| No 15%       |
| Not sure 45% |

The Internet is the most frequent format for those who had published (60%). Among the reasons for not publishing were: Not enough information; lack of time; still working on it; too overwhelming to think about; other life issues come up; my research is because I enjoy it.

More than 30 provided contact info in reference to the SIG. We will hold a preliminary organizational meeting of the proposed SIG Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 10:30 am, Genealogy Center conference table. For more info, contact [mike@blackledge.com](mailto:mike@blackledge.com).



### *I discovered. . .*

that as of March 30, 2017 older versions of Family Tree Maker can no longer sync with Ancestry family tree. One has to purchase an update to Family Tree Maker 2017 or purchase at full price Family Tree Maker 2017. If you PAID for a copy of FTM 2014.1 or Mac 3.1 (both introduced in March 2016), your copy of FTM 2017 is FREE and you will be notified by email when it is available. After March 31 it will be \$39.95 for upgrades for a limited time. The full price, which is only for newcomers, is \$79.95. Check the website for to take advantage of these offers: [www.mackiev.com/offers/ftm2017/upgrade\\_promo\\_us.html](http://www.mackiev.com/offers/ftm2017/upgrade_promo_us.html).

*Submitted by Anonymous AGS Member*





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring came roaring into New Mexico with lots of wind and warm weather, reminding us it is a time of renewal and growth. And, happily, AGS is growing and changing, too. I'm very excited to announce that we now have an AGS Facebook page! You can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/abqgensociety/>. Lots of thanks to Stuart Murray, Luanne Chowning and Victoria Sullivan for creating and maintaining our page.

We are also considering reviving our Writing group. We recently sent out a survey about who has written their family histories, who is interested in doing so, and who would like to pursue writing their histories. If you haven't completed the survey, please do so soon. It will help us decide how we can best assist our members.

Although it is only May, it's time to think about new officers for 2018. If you have any interest in being the AGS Treasurer or a Member-at-Large, please let Marianne Eaton, Chair of the Nominating Committee know. Her email is: [eaton.thomas@comcast.net](mailto:eaton.thomas@comcast.net)

Shirley Atkinson, President

## SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

### February 8

Jan 11 minutes amended/approved/Treasurer report accepted.  
September seminar plans underway.

Treasurer will not accept nomination again next year.

Pros and cons of official AGS *Facebook* page and streaming meetings. Further investigation is necessary.

Update of on-hand AGS publications to sell or donate to NM libraries and LDS research centers.

Encourage members to use *Nextdoor.com* to promote meetings.

Member program suggestion "Dining with the Dead" at Fairview Cemetery with members in historic costumes.

Possibility of copying past issues of the *Quarterly* to CDs or flash drives to distribute to NM libraries.

Expansion of Research Day by adding a Saturday or evening.

Eastman January 2 column "Is your Genealogy Society Growing or shrinking?" 1) More publicity on e-*Quarterly* or pickup at Research Day to save on postage and printing; 2) Increase AGS publications to sell; 3) Investigate possibility of streaming meetings from the library or sell on DVD; 4) Increase web presence i.e. *Facebook*—advertise that meetings are free and open to the public; 5) Investigate holding meetings evenings or on Saturdays to accommodate younger working people.

### March 8

February 8 minutes approved and Treasurer report accepted.

Digital copies of AGS publications recovered, and prints ordered.

SpeedZone Print & Copy AGS account is set up.

*Nextdoor.com* Research Day promotion brought new people in.

"My DNA Testing Recommendations for Women" by John Adam Farris is available at the Genealogy Center.

AGS *Facebook* Page and Group are now set up.

Presentation by Mike Blackledge "AGS in 2017: Who Are We?"

Why Are We Here?" including ideas on updating, bringing in new members, sponsoring local high-school and other scholarships, writing and publishing Special Interest Group, acquiring, maintaining, and assigning a new "AGS Press" inventory of ISBNs, purchasing AGS member family histories for the Genealogy Center, and much more.

Possibility of contacting a non-profit specialist attorney.

### March 21 Special Meeting

Changes to enhance website and membership application wording approved.

AGS will consider member family histories to purchase for the Genealogy Center.

Consideration of acquiring liability insurance for AGS board members approved.

Discussion about AGS purchase of ISBN numbers to sell to members put on hold.

### April 12

March 8 minutes approved and Treasurer report accepted.

For next meeting: volunteers, who does what/when.

Possible changes in volunteer categories and jobs.

Prepared liability insurance bid forms signed.

September 23 special seminar flyer and details about schedule.

AGS publications, one of each printed.

Suggested handouts for Research Days and recruitment of new members.

Scanning of old AGS newsletters is underway.

Search for 2018 special seminar program.

Call for library purchase suggestions from members.

Book sale at the August meeting.

Announcement of beginning classes starting Saturday June 3 on four successive Saturdays at the Genealogy Center.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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## Changes to the AGS Directory

### Committees

Hospitality: Molly Geissman/Lark Robart

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Database Manage: Lark Robart

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AGS Facebook: Stuart Murray/Luanne Chowning

Education: Victoria Sullivan

Programs: Victoria Sullivan

Research Trips: Open

IT Team: Dal Jensen/Barbara Dodson

Webmaster: Herb Palm

Lookups: Howard Henry

Membership Directory: Lark Robart

### ADDRESS CHANGES

Members are responsible for notifying the Database Manager of address changes. Failure to do so in a timely manner may result in non-delivery of the *Quarterly*. Send changes to: Lark Robart, [lrobart@comcast.net](mailto:lrobart@comcast.net).

Thank you!

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All groups meet at the Genealogy Center

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### Meetings

Research Days

No Meetings

Research Days

Research Days

Research Days

First Tuesdays

Research Days

### NOTE

Don't forget to check the AGS Surname database on the LAN the next time you are doing research at the Main Library. It contains over 3,000 lines of data to help you connect with other AGS members researching the same names or locations you are.

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- ▶ *Special interest groups — see page 19 for list of groups*
- ▶ *AGS website at abqgen.org*

## ***AGS Meetings***

**2nd Wednesday of every month**

**10:30 am—12:00 pm**

**See Upcoming Events at *abqgen.org***

*Monthly meetings include a program, presentation, or activity.*

